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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
STEBBINGS et al. :  
Serial No. : Group Art Unit:  
Filed: : Examiner:

For: SECURITY MARKING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MINIMIZING PIRATING OF DATA ON  
DATA MEDIA INCLUDING COMPACT DISCS AND DIGITAL VERSATILE DISCS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after RELATED APPLICATION please delete:

"This application claims priority from U. S. provisional Application No. 60/091,036, filed June 29, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference." and insert in its place:

--This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/448,409 filed November 23, 1999 which is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US99/14621, filed June 29, 1999, which in turn claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/091,036, filed June 29, 1998, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Page 1, line 13, change "09/-----" to --09/315,104--;

Page 1, line 19, change "09/-----" to --09/315,012--;

Page 2, line 3, change "09/-----" to --09/315,102--;

Page 6, line 4, change "Figure 2" to --Figures 2A and 2B--;

Page 7, line 3, change "Figure 2" to --Figures 2A and 2B--;

Page 36, line 13, change "Figure 2 shows" to --Figures 2A and 2B show--.